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REMARKS BY VICE PRESIDENT GERALD R. FORD AT THE SHERATON MOTOR INN JOHNSTOWN, PA. 2:05 P.M. FRIDAY, JANUARY 25. 1974

IT IS A DISTINCT PLEASURE TO APPEAR IN THE TWELFTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA IN SUPPORT OF HARRY FOX'S CANDIDACY FOR THE SEAT PREVIOUSLY HELD BY MY DEAR FRIEND, THE LATE CONGRESSMAN JOHN SAYLOR.





EFFECTIVENESS IS THE KEY WORD. I KNOW THAT HARRY WILL BE EFFECTIVE -- THE KIND OF CONGRESSMAN FOR THIS DISTRICT THAT JOHN SAYLOR WAS.



AS A FORMER MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, WITH LEADERSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES, I HAVE A DEEP COMMITMENT TO HELPING TO BRING THE BEST MEN TO THE CONGRESS.

IN THE CRUCIAL WEEKS AND MONTHS AHEAD, YOU NEED -- THE COUNTRY NEEDS -- MEN AND WOMEN IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES WHOSE LOYALTY IS TO PRINCIPLE AND RESPONSIBILITY, AND NOT ONLY TO THE REPUBLICAN OR THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY.



I KNOW HARRY FOX TO BE A MAN OF PRINCIPLE. HE IS HIS OWN MAN. HIS CONSCIENCE AND HIS CONSTITUENCY WILL BE HIS GUIDE AS YOUR CONGRESSMAN.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, I AM HERE IN JOHNSTOWN TO ASSIST AN OLD FRIEND. I FIRST MET HARRY FOX IN 1952. HE HAD COME TO WASHINGTON TO WORK WITH A MAN WHO ENTERED THE CONGRESS THE SAME YEAR I DID.

JOHN SAYLOR AND I CAME TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AS ROOKIES IN 1949. NEITHER OF US HAD HAD ANY EXPERIENCE ON THE NATIONAL LEVEL. I SOON FOUND THAT I REALLY HAD A LOT TO LEARN. MY CONSTITUENTS WOULD CALL AND WRITE FROM MICHIGAN REQUESTING ASSISTANCE WITH THEIR PROBLEMS INVOLVING FEDERAL BENEFITS. AT THAT TIME MOST PERSONAL PROBLEMS DEALT

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WITH THINGS LIKE SOCIAL SECURITY AND VETERANS BENEFITS.

IT TOOK ME QUITE A WHILE TO FIGURE OUT JUST HOW TO MAKE SURE THOSE CITIZENS WOULD HAVE THEIR CASES FAIRLY CONSIDERED BY THE BUREAUCRATS.

JOHN SAYLOR WAS IN THE SAME BOAT. HE, TOO, LEARNED HOW TO PROVIDE THE BEST POSSIBLE SERVICE TO HIS CONSTITUENTS. AT HIS SIDE FOR OVER 20 YEARS, LEARNING AND APPLYING THE SKILLS NECESSARY TO SERVE CONSTITUENTS, WAS HARRY FOX -- ONE OF THE BEST ASSISTANTS A CONGRESSMAN COULD HOPE TO HAVE.



BUT I DON'T HAVE TO TELL YOU HOW WELL CONGRESSMAN SAYLOR'S OFFICE SERVED THE 12TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT. THERE ARE THOUSANDS OF CITIZENS AND MANY, MANY COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT THIS DISTRICT WHO WILL ATTEST TO THE PROMPT AND EFFECTIVE SERVICE THEY RECEIVED. REAL SERVICE, NOT LIP SERVICE! AND HARRY FOX WAS THE SHAPER AND DIRECTOR OF THIS SERVICE.



JUST TALK TO A RETIRED MINER WHO HAD TROUBLE GETTING HIS BLACK LUNG CLAIM UNTIL HE CONTACTED HIS CONGRESSMAN.

TALK TO A WIDOW WHO COULD NOT MAKE THE SOCIAL SECURITY OFFICE GIVE PROPER CONSIDERATION TO HER CLAIM FOR BENEFITS UNTIL SHE WROTE REPRESENTATIVE SAYLOR'S OFFICE.



CONSULT WITH COMMUNITY LEADERS THROUGHOUT THIS DISTRICT WHO COULD NOT GET FEDERAL FUNDS FOR THEIR VITAL LOCAL PROJECTS UNTIL THEIR CONGRESSMAN WENT TO BAT FOR THEM IN WASHINGTON.

TALK WITH ALL THESE PEOPLE AND YOU WILL UNDERSTAND THE VALUE OF AN EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE CONGRESSIONAL OFFICE.

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WHEN JOHN SAYLOR STEPPED IN TO HELP HIS CONSTITUENTS, THE MAN WHO HANDLED THE FOLLOW-THROUGH WAS HARRY FOX.

I'M SURE THE CITIZENS OF THE 12TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT DON'T WANT TO LOSE HIS VALUABLE EXPERIENCE.

HARRY FOX KNOWS ALREADY WHAT IT COULD TAKE A FRESHMAN CONGRESSMAN MANY YEARS TO LEARN -- AND HE CAN PUT THAT EXPERIENCE TO WORK FOR YOU BEGINNING FEBRUARY 6TH, NOT YEARS LATER.



ENFECT THERE IS A FINAL, AND CRITICAL, REASON WHY HARRY FOX SHOULD BE IN THE UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, WORKING FOR YOU.

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THIS AREA, THIS DISTRICT, THIS PART OF PENNSYLVANIA, IS GOING TO CONTRIBUTE TREMENDOUSLY TO THE SOLVING OF THE NATION'S ENERGY PROBLEMS.

THERE IS NO DENYING THE FACT THAT THE COUNTRY MUST, IF WE ARE TO ACHIEVE ANY MEASURE OF SELF-SUFFICIENCY IN ENERGY PRODUCTION, BRING ABOUT A RESURRECTION AND REVITALIZATION OF THE COAL INDUSTRY.

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THIS AREA IS RICH IN COAL. COAL IS OUR COUNTRY'S MOST ABUNDANT NATURAL RESOURCE. ADD TO THIS THE FACT THAT THE NATION HAS ALREADY MADE A COMMITMENT TO INCREASING THE USEFULNESS OF COAL AND YOU WILL UNDERSTAND WHY IT IS NECESSARY TO SEND A MAN TO WASHINGTON WHO KNOWS THE AREA, KNOWS THE ENERGY SITUATION IN RELATION TO COAL, AND HAS EXPERIENCE IN DEALING WITH BOTH.



THE HOMER CITY COAL GASIFICATION PLANT -- JUST TWENTY-THO MILES UP THE ROAD FROM HERE -- UNDER DEVELOPMENT THROUGH A CONTRACT WITH THE OFFICE OF COAL RESEARCH, IS PART OF THE BRIGHT HOPE FOR TOMORROW WHICH I SEE IN THIS AREA.

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HARRY FOX KNOWS THE INSIDE AND OUTSIDE OF THE ENERGY SITUATION AS IT RELATES TO COAL.

HARRY FOX KNOWS THE INSIDE AND OUTSIDE OF THE OFFICE OF COAL RESEARCH, THE BUREAU OF MINES, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

THESE, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, ARE THE FEDERAL OFFICES WHERE MAJOR DECISIONS WILL BE MADE AFFECTING YOUR FUTURE AND THAT OF YOUR CHILDREN.



WE SIMPLY MUST HAVE A MAN WITH HARRY FOX'S KIND OF BACKGROUND IN THE CONGRESS. WE MUST HAVE A MAN WITH THAT KIND OF EXPERIENCE ON THE JOB IN WASHINGTON FOR THIS AREA.



HARRY FOX HAS THE THOROUGH GROUNDING NEEDED TO BE AN EFFECTIVE CONGRESSMAN, FOR THIS DISTRICT AND FOR THE NATION.

IT IS MY PLEASURE TO ENDORSE HIM, WITHOUT QUALIFICATION, AS YOUR NEXT CONGRESSMAN.



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ADVANCE FOR RELEASE AT 2. p. m. FRIDAY



It is a distinct pleasure to appear in the Twelfth Congressional District of Pennsylvania in support of Harry Fox's candidacy for the seat previously held by my dear friend, the late Congressman John Saylor.

The reason for my being here is that I know Harry Fox to be honest, hardworking and effective.

Effectiveness is the key word. I know that Harry <u>will</u> be effective -- the kind of Congressman for this District that John Saylor was.

As a former Member of the House of Representatives, with leadership responsibilities, I have a deep commitment to helping to bring the best men to the Congress.

In the crucial weeks and months ahead, you need -- the country needs -- men and women in the House of Representatives whose loyalty is to principle and responsibility, and not only to the Republican or the Democratic party.

I know Harry Fox to be a man of principle. He is his own man. His conscience and his constituency will be his guide as your Congressman.

Ladies and gentlemen, I am here in Johnstown to assist an old friend. I first met Harry Fox in 1952. He had come to Washington to work with a man who entered the Congress the same year I did.

John Saylor and I came to the House of Representatives as rookies in 1949. Neither of us had had any experience on the national level. I soon found that I really had a lot to learn. My constituents would call and write from Michigan requesting assistance with their problems involving Federal benefits. At that time most personal problems dealt with things like social security and veterans benefits.

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It took me quite a while to figure out just how to make sure those citizens would have their cases fairly considered by the bureaucrats.

John Saylor was in the same boat. He, too, learned how to provide the best possible service to his constituents. At his side for over 20 years, learning and applying the skills necessary to serve constituents, was Harry Fox -- one of the best assistants a Congressman could hope to have.

But I don't have to tell you how well Congressman Saylor's office served the 12th Congressional District. There are thousands of citizens and many, many communities throughout this district who will attest to the prompt and effective service they received. Real service, not lip service! And Harry Fox was the shaper and director of this service.

Just talk to a retired miner who had trouble getting his black lung claim until he contacted his Congressman.

Talk to a widow who could not make the Social Security office give proper consideration to her claim for benefits until she wrote Representative Saylor's office.

Consult with community leaders throughout this district who could not get Federal funds for their vital local projects until their Congressman went to bat for them in Washington.

Talk with all these people and you will understand the value of an efficient and effective congressional office.

When John Saylor stepped in to help his constituents, the man who handled the follow-through was Harry Fox.

I'm sure the citizens of the Twelfth Congressional District don't want to lose his valuable experience.

Harry Fox knows already what it could take a freshman Congressman many years to learn -- and he can put that experience to work for you beginning February 6th, not years later.

There is a final, and critical, reason why Harry Fox should be in the United States House of Representatives, working for you.

This area, this district, this part of Pennsylvania, is going to contribute tremendously to the solving of the Nation's energy problems. There is no denying the fact that the country must, if we are to achieve any measure of self-sufficiency in energy production, bring about a resurrection and revitalization of the coal industry.

This area is rich in coal. Coal is our country's most abundant natural resource. Add to this the fact that the Nation has already made a commitment to increasing the usefulness of coal and you will understand why it is necessary to send a man to Washington who knows the area, knows the energy situation in relation to coal, and has experience in dealing with both.

The Homer City Coal Gasification Plant -- just twenty-two miles up the road from here -- under development through a contract with the Office of Coal Research, is part of the bright hope for tomorrow which I see in this area.

Most of you know that Congressman Saylor was the author of legislation which created the Office of Coal Research.

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Harry Fox knows the inside and outside of the energy situation as it relates to coal.

Harry Fox knows the inside and outside of the Office of Coal Research, the Bureau of Mines, and the Department of the Interior.

These, ladies and gentlemen, are the federal offices where major decisions will be made affecting your future and that of your children.

We simply must have a man with Harry Fox's kind of background in the Congress. We must have a man with that kind of experience on the job in Washington for this area.

Harry Fox has the thorough grounding needed to be an effective Congressman, for this District and for the Nation.

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I am sure many people wonder why the V.P. of the United States has come into this area to speak for Harry Fox.

The most important reason for my being here is that I know Harry Fox to be honest, hardworking and effective.

Effectiveness is the key word. I know that Harry will be the kind of Congressman for this District that John Saylor was. In a word, effective!!

As a former Member of the House of Representatives, with leadership responsibilities, I have a deep commitment to helping to bring the best men to the Congress.

In the crucial weeks and months ahead, you need -- the country needs -- men and women in the House of Representatives whose loyalty is to principle and responsibility -- and not just to a political party.

I know Harry Fox to be a man of principle. He is his own man. There are no strings on this fine individual of humble origins. His conscience and constituency will be his guide as your Congressman.

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John Saylor and I came to the House of Representatives as rookies in 1949. Neither of us had had any experience on the national level. I found that I really had quite a lot to learn.

My constituents would call and write from Michigan requesting assistance with their problems involving Federal benefits. At that time, as now, most personal problems dealt with social security and veterans benefits. John Saylor was in the same boat. He too, learned how to provide the best possible service to his constituents. At his side for over 20 years, learning and applying the skills necessary to serve constituents, was Harry Fox -- one of the best assistants a Congressman could hope to have.

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